

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed March 3, 2006, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-37, drawn to a microarray, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2.
- II. Claims 38-102, drawn to method of making a microarray, classified in class 435, subclass 174.

Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-37).

Election of Species

The Restriction Requirement further makes an election of species requirement, specifically:

- 1) Claims 38-75 an oxidized surface treated to form an amine surface, and
- 2) Claims 76-102 a metal surface treated to form a thiolated amine.

It is submitted that this requirement for election of species is moot, since claims 38-102 have not been elected.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (516) 795-6820 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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